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FROM STYLES

1. SUMMARY. TALKS WERE RECESSED JANUARY 31 WITH AGREEMENT MEET AGAIN IN WASHINGTON MAY 6 OR LATER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. USDEL WAS UNABLE OBTAIN BRIDGETOWN-PORT OF SPAIN TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR EASTERN BUT EXTENSION ITS BLIND SECTOR AUTHORITY, WHILE NOT ASSURED, IS LIKELY. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SESSION ON JANUARY 31, USDEL ATTEMPTED ADD PORT OF SPAIN TO EASTERN'S ROUTE IN APRIL 1972 NOTE EXCHANGE. WE OFFERED DROP ANTIGUA FROM THAT ROUTE AND ALSO ST. THOMAS, BUT BARDEL SAID NO DEAL WAS POSSIBLE.

3. IN PRIVATE MEETING, WE EMPHASIZED USG AND AIRLINES SINCERELY WANTED REACH FULL AGREEMENT AND THAT BARBADOS SUSPICIONS THAT US WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET WERE UNFOUNDED. HOWEVER, MINIMUM BARDEL POSITION (I.E. NYC PLUS THREE POINTS) COULD NOT FORM BASIS FOR AGREEMENT, HOWEVER MUCH US WANTED ONE. FORDE AND ARCHER APPEARED ACCEPT OUR SINCERITY RE REACHING AGREEMENT, BUT SAID BARBADOS UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES

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COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON BASIS NYC PLUS ONE POINT AND THERE

WOULD BE NO POINT IN FURTHER MEETING IN WASHINGTON IF THAT REMAINED US POSITION. AT HIS REQUEST, WE AGREED LET HIM KNOW BEFORE NEXT TALKS IF US POSITION WERE TO REMAIN SAME IN ORDER AVOID WHAT ARCHER SAID HE WOULD REGARD AS WASTE OF TIME AND EXPENSE OF FURTHER MEETING IN WASHINGTON. IN PRIVATE MEETING, WE ALSO PRESSED FOR CONTINUATION EASTERN'S BRIDGETOWN-PORT OF SPAIN BLIND SECTOR AUTHORITY ON GROUNDS THAT EASTERN NEEDED THIS FOR COST SAVING REASON; FORDE AND ARCHER SAID THEY COULD NOT GIVE ASSURANCES, BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING. EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT NOTE REQUESTING EXTENSION.

4. FORMAL MEETING RESUMED TO SIGN PRO FORMA MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION AGREEING MEET AGAIN IN WASHINGTON MAY 6 OR LATER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

5. AT US SUGGESTION, THERE WILL BE A WORKING GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 1 TO DISCUSS SIGNIFICANCE VARIOUS STATISTICS WHICH CAN BE USED TO MEASURE VALUE OF SPECIFIC US-BARBADOS MARKETS.

6. USDEL DEPARTS SATURDAY TO BEGIN TALKS CURACAO FEBRUARY 4.

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